

House Resolution No. 3124

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State churches that have proven down through the years to be invaluable components of local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their spiritual services; and

Whereas, First Baptist Church of Goodman, Missouri, was founded on April 9, 1908, as a mission-minded Southern Baptist church with Elder H. Stites serving as the inaugural pastor for nine other members; and

Whereas, during 1908 First Baptist Church membership climbed to fifty, and enrollment had grown to three hundred persons under the care of current pastor Frank Crosby by the church's One Hundredth Anniversary celebration on April 6, 2008, which one hundred twenty-one people attended; and

Whereas, First Baptist Church has kept up with changing societal expectations and the steady growth in population by engaging in two renovation projects, the first of which was a sanctuary built in 1976 and the second was the addition of a new wing about five years ago; and

Whereas, First Baptist Church has kept meticulous records of church events in bound books that are stored in a safe and that are the source of information for a timeline that is exhibited every year at the church's anniversary; and

Whereas, started by church treasurer Barbara Herrin twenty years ago, the church timeline is a visual demonstration for such important historical events as the completion of the Panama Canal, the sinking of the Lusitania, the invention of the desktop phone, Lindbergh's first transatlantic flight, the appearance of *Gone With the Wind* in theaters, and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, which are paralleled with such church events as the burning of mortgages, Ladies Aid Society benevolence, revivals, and use of church facilities to shelter disaster relief crews after severe weather; and

Whereas, the integration of First Baptist Church with the greater Goodman community is illustrated in a 1963 timeline entry for the 1963-64 Goodman High School basketball team winning the state championship under the guidance of coach Charlie Goade, who also served as the church music director:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with the leadership and membership of First Baptist Church and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations for having a highly successful Centennial Anniversary celebration of the founding of their religious institution; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of First Baptist Church of Goodman, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Kevin Wilson
District No. 130

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3124, adopted May 15, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker